



SEA 577-2011 Implementation

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

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Memoranda

- Agency-issued memoranda all available at <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2533.htm>.
 - Allows for quick reference
 - Consistency in policies over time



Grade Point Average

- For students first entering July 1, 2012 and after
 - Higher Education Award
 - Freedom of Choice
 - 21st Century Scholarship
 - Children of Veteran Awards
 - If parent enlisted after June 30, 2011



Grade Point Average

■ Requirements

- Successfully completed work of previous year
 - Did student meet institution's definition of Satisfactory Academic Progress?
- Remains domiciled in Indiana
- Meet financial guidelines
- Based on cumulative Grade Point Average, changes according to class standing



Grade Point Average

- Freshman
 - Satisfactory Academic Progress
 - Individual schools' definitions may vary
- Sophomore
 - 2.25
- Junior
 - 2.5
- Senior
 - 2.5



GPA Reporting

- One annual submission in spring (May/June)
- School to report:
 - Cumulative GPA
 - Class standing (based on loan limits)
 - File to contain all FAFSA students
- SSACI to report back in APPL and NOTF files
- SSACI to allow override of information – will be audits
- Additional report required for students on probation – must report semester by semester basis



GPA Reporting

- SSACI to provide file layout in Fall 2012
- Institutions submit preliminary file in January 2013
 - Informational purposes only
 - Is file layout and exchange working?
 - Data will be used for modeling and to provide 2013 General Assembly with updated information on GPA implementation.



Grade Point Average

Questions?



Professional Degree

- Four or five year postsecondary school course of study
- Student may be admitted without an undergraduate degree
- Leads to degree that is not undergraduate or graduate degree as determined by Commission
- Prepares holder of degree for a profession
- Examples: Physical Therapy, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Optometry



Professional Degree

- Report via APPL, NOTF, and RECN file exchange and xGrads
- SSACI determines award eligibility
- School claims in xGrads or via file exchange



Professional Degree

Questions?



Associates Degree

- Report via APPL, NOTF, and RECN file exchange and xGrads
- SSACI determines award eligibility
- School claims in xGrads or via file exchange
- Reporting may occur throughout award cycle
 - May cause need for refund if student earns degree mid-cycle and SSACI has to recalculate award



Associates Degree

- Student did not graduate with Academic Honors Diploma
- Student receives Associates Degree from SSACI-eligible school
- Student then enrolls in baccalaureate program
- Student qualifies for Frank O'Bannon award



Associates Degree

Questions?



Eight-Year Rule

- Awards are only renewable, if otherwise eligible, for eight years
- “After date the individual first applies after July 1, 2011 and becomes eligible for benefits”
- SSACI has defined as when student first starts taking classes
- Grant file layout for APPL file has been updated



Eight Year Rule

Questions?



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